

FLOODS IN CHINA

SIXTY VILLAGES IN OUR PROVINCE DESTROYED

Eighty Thousand People Made Homeless. Deaths Estimated at Twenty Thousand. Praying for Cessation of Rain Till Driven Out of Their Houses by the Floods. Slaughter of Cattle Forbidden so as to Appease the Gods—An Uprising in Formosa.

Tacoma, Wash., October 4.—The steamer Victoria brings news of the most disastrous floods that have visited China for many years. Sixty villages near Tung Chou, containing over 80,000 inhabitants have been destroyed by floods and the people drowned or forced to flee.

There is no means of finding out how many thousands have been drowned, but the number is estimated by Chinese authorities at 15,000 to 20,000.

The flooded district is within twelve miles of Pekin, the capital of China. As a rule Chinese officials make very little stir when a calamity like this happens, but the proximity of the disaster has resulted in its being brought to the attention of the emperor, who has ordered that all possible relief be given.

Survivors from the villages nearest Pekin have been allowed such shelter as they can find on the city walls, but thousands are without protection against the rain, which continues to fall. The distress of these people is most pitiable. Public spirited and wealthy men of Pekin and Tung Chou are actively assisting the authorities in providing them with food.

The floods have greatly damaged a large number of estates belonging to Pekin nobles. The unusual rains began July 23rd and continued until August 15th.

The crops in the flooded district were destroyed. The prefects, local magistrates and people of the flooded district prayed for the cessation of the rain seven days before they were finally driven out of their homes.

Early in September high officials of Pekin and Tien Sien suddenly forbade the slaughter of cattle, their object being to appease the wrath of the gods and stop the rain. The result was to cut off the entire meat supply which led foreign consuls to protest against the prohibition and to report the situation to the foreign ministers at Pekin. It is claimed that the action of the government constitutes a violation of the treaty rights.

Early in September there was another uprising in Formosa. A battle took place which resulted in the killing of 200 rebels and many Japanese soldiers. Captain Take Uchi, who commanded the Japanese, killed down thirty rebels with his own hand.

An explosion of a steam launch near Bangkok resulted in the drowning of ten persons and the fatal injury of six, including Prince Charlat and wife, who died next day. This prince was closely related to the king of Siam.

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Indiana Afraid of Yellow Fever

Indianapolis, Ind., October 4.—Refugees from the yellow fever districts of the south that come into this state are to receive attention from the local and state health officers. This decision was reached at a conference between the state board and the governor today. It is held that there is danger of the fever being brought into Indiana if the warm and wet weather continues and the refugees are permitted to come into the state unnoted. It was agreed to use a part of the emergency fund appropriated by the last legislature in placing men at the Illinois-Indiana line and the Ohio-Indiana line, whose duty it would be to see that persons from the infected territory, not provided with proper health certificates, are not permitted to enter this state.

A Town Swept by Fire

Elmira, N. Y., October 4.—A special to The Advertiser from Austin, Pa., says: Fire broke out this afternoon at 2:40 o'clock in Wagon's livery barn, on Turner street. In five hours every building in town but five was leveled to the ground. Turner was the principal residence street and probably 500 people are tonight homeless. The fire was started by a load of hay being run into a gas jet. In all, 100 buildings were burned, mostly residences. Among the larger losses in the Methodist church, Presbyterian church, opera house, Welsh's meat market, Hellwig's drug store, Gallup's livery and Wood's livery. Losses are placed by insurance experts at from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

Burning, itching skin diseases instantly relieved by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, the unequalled remedy for cuts, bruises, burns. It heals without leaving a scar. R. R. Bellamy.

A Destructive Prairie Fire

Siloam Springs, Ark., October 4.—A destructive prairie fire is raging over the Cherokee country west of here. The fire seems to be sweeping a vast stretch of country and as the drought has been so long, the vegetation is so dry and inflammable. No reports have come in from the burnt district, but it is apparent that the Indians will lose heavily in the way of stacked grain and hay.

To Purchase the Union Pacific

London, October 4.—The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes, under reserve, a sensational report that a strong London syndicate has sent the United States government, through Consul General Osborne, an offer to purchase the Union Pacific railroad.

"They don't make much fuss about it." We are speaking of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, and all stomach and liver troubles. They never gripe. R. R. Bellamy.

Crushed to Death

Richmond, Va., October 4.—William Rollins, a baggage master on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, was caught between the cars at a water tank, about twenty-five miles from this city, this morning and crushed to death. He was 32 years old, and leaves a widow and four children.

Solly Smith Defeats Joe Dixon

San Francisco, October 4.—George Dixon and Solly Smith fought twenty rounds here tonight. George Green, the referee, had no hesitancy in awarding the decision to Smith. The decision was received with no signs of dissatisfaction by the audience.

A MURDER IN WAYNE

Mr. W. A. Carr Found Dead in His Store With His Throat Cut—A Negro Named Sam Wright Held on the Charge of Being the Assassin

(Special to The Messenger.)

Goldsboro, N. C., October 4.—There was a foul murder about six miles from here in Fork township Saturday night. W. A. Carr, who kept a small country store near Carr's mill, was found late Saturday night with his head almost severed from his body; one of his hands was broken and he had received a fearful blow on his head. Suspicion pointed to a negro named Sam Wright, who had helped Carr in the store Saturday night and who was last seen with him. This negro was followed to Goldsboro Sunday and found with the murdered man's watch, pistol and money in his pockets. He had on different clothes from those worn on Saturday. It is reported today that the clothes this negro wore on Saturday were found in the woods today with blood on them.

It is thought that Carr was first given the blow on the head and hand and then his throat cut. He was a small man, while the negro was a man of powerful strength. There was a good deal of indignation over the matter, but as court will be here in two weeks from today, the law will take its course and the county of Wayne will maintain her record of never having a case of lynching. All good citizens hope the law will take the right course.

Mr. Carr kept a little store at the fence law gate in Fork township and slept alone in the store in a small bedroom cut off from the main part. He was discovered undressed in his bed room lying on the floor in a pool of blood. The coroner's jury, after viewing the remains and examining such witnesses as could be had on the scene, adjourned to meet in this city today at noon, and they have been in session until 6 o'clock this afternoon and adjourned after rendering a verdict to the effect that W. A. Carr came to his death by a cut from a knife in the hands of Sam Wright, a negro.

The murdered man was a widower about 35 years of age. He was a son of Mr. Jno. Carr, of Greene county, where his remains have been taken for interment, and was a nephew of the late Mr. Isaac Williams. He was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. The negro is now in jail awaiting trial on the charge of murder.

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Not Subject to Civil Service

Washington, October 4.—The Star this afternoon prints the following: Assistant Attorney General Boyd is writing an open letter, which will probably receive the sanction of Attorney General McKenna, sustaining the collectors of internal revenue and United States marshals who have discharged a large number of deputies. The opinion is really in the case of Collector Brady, of Virginia, but will cover the cases of a number of southern collectors of internal revenue who have followed the precedent set by Collector Brady.

It is said that these dismissals and the attitude of the administration have been talked over at the cabinet meetings, and an agreement that the opinion of Mr. Boyd shall represent the views of the president and administration. The opinion will be carefully worded, so that the spirit and letter of the civil service law will be upheld.

The position to be taken by the decision is that the tenure of office of a deputy collector or marshal runs with that of the chief who appointed him. It will hold that the position is one of an administrative character and that no position of this kind can be considered permanent. No official of the government, it will be held, can be compelled to do anything that is not expressly required of him by the law, and it is not required that collectors and marshals appoint deputies of their predecessors.

Mr. Boyd will hold that the collectors and marshals can appoint whom ever they please and do not have to call upon the civil service commission for an eligible list.

It is held by the civil service commissioners that the collectors and marshals have to make temporary appointments, if they have no eligible list and, if they have an eligible list they must select their deputies from that.

Abram S. Hewitt on New York City Politics

London, October 4.—Abram S. Hewitt, one of the organizers of the county democracy in 1879, formerly congressman and mayor of New York during the years 1887 and 1888, has been interviewed on the political situation arising out of the campaign for the election of a mayor of Greater New York. Among other things, Mr. Hewitt said:

"The only issue is whether New York is fit for self-government; whether a majority of her citizens are honest. Will they give the city good government by electing Mr. Low? Will they turn it over to plunderers by returning Tammany to power? Or will they put in effect the crazy vagaries of socialism by electing Henry George? The republicans should have sufficient patriotism to withdraw General Tracey. He is a man for whom I have the highest regard, but his position is utterly indefensible. The last thing he wants is to be mayor of New York, and he will be the first to admit the fitness of Mr. Low. I believe in his General Tracey wants Mr. Low elected, and there he stands the tool of Senator Platt, the only factor in the fight who can prevent the election of Mr. Low. I believe Judge Van Wyck will poll the full Tammany vote. He is one of the so-called 'best men' in Tammany, but I consider them the worst, because they know better. Henry George represents socialism. When he ran against me he proposed to have the street cars carry working men free, but he did not explain who was to pay for the transportation. I cannot believe that he will poll more votes than before. Only the foreigners are socialists. Americans expect to support their government and support them."

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AFTER ANOTHER RAILROAD

The Governor Attacks the Aberdeen and West-End Road Through Butler's Paper. Applications for Pensions Denied—Inheritance Tax Law Construed

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., October 4.—John H. Pearson this afternoon served by the sheriff of Wake a demand on Otho Wilson for the railway commissioner's office. Otho again gave the "marble heart."

It is positively said today that Governor Russell made the attack on the Aberdeen and West-End railway which was an editorial in Senator Butler's paper last week.

The state board of agriculture meets October 19th mainly to inspect and accept the new furniture for the museum.

Many persons whose names were in the omnibus pension bill which failed to become a law have applied for pension under the general law and have been rejected because they could not show their injuries were received while in service. The auditor so announces.

The superintendent of public instruction today prepared warrants covering the \$58,000 of educational fund ordered divided among the counties. The warrants go out tomorrow. The auditor decides that Sparks' circus must pay \$50 in each county where it gives performances.

The auditor decides that the provisions of the act regarding inheritance tax do not apply to any legacy devised prior to March 9th last and that any will made prior to that date and recorded or probated afterwards is not subject.

The secretary of state licenses the London Guarantee and Accident Company to do business in North Carolina.

The New Ministry's Attitude Toward Cuba

London, October 4.—A special dispatch from Madrid, published here this afternoon, gives the substance of an interview between a newspaper correspondent and an unnamed member of the new Spanish cabinet. The latter is quoted as saying that Senor Sagasta will carry out the Cuban reforms proposed by Marshal Martinez de Campos ten years ago. These include the granting of autonomy to Cuba on condition that she shall take over the Cuban debt, including the war debt, and accept Spain's customs tariff. Continuing, the new cabinet minister is said to have declared that Premier Sagasta would not consent to a customs union between the United States and Cuba and that if the former were not satisfied Spain was prepared to fight, as the Spanish navy was regarded equal in strength to the navy of the United States. Further, it was necessary, Spain, according to the cabinet minister, would have recourse to privatizing.

In conclusion the new minister is alleged to have said it was improbable that Spain would consent to recognize the insurgent debt, but Premier Sagasta would not prevent the new Cuban government dealing with it.

A Much Nominated Candidate

New York, October 4.—Arrangements were completed today for the Henry George mass meeting at Cooper Union tomorrow night. Henry George was first nominated for mayor with New York city last Cooper Union October 5th, 1886. Consequently, tomorrow night will be the eleventh anniversary of the event. At the Cooper Union meeting Mr. George will make his speech of acceptance and present a platform on which he will make the run for mayor. The chairman will first tender to Mr. George a nomination in behalf of the people. This will be done so that it can be said that Mr. George was first placed in nomination by the people, regardless of politics.

Abram H. Calkins will then convey the nomination to Mr. George on behalf of the united democracy. Then Charles Frederick Adams will tender the same nomination to Mr. George as the nominee of the democratic alliance. Mr. Adams is the silver party candidate for chief justice of the court of appeals. Mr. George will then be ready to accept any other nomination that may be presented to him. When this is over, Mr. George will make his speech of acceptance. He will then be ready to accept any other nomination that may be presented to him. When this is over, Mr. George will make his speech of acceptance. He will then be ready to accept any other nomination that may be presented to him.

Spain Sends Money to Cuba

Havana, October 4.—The mail steamship Reina Cristina, which arrived today brought to Captain General Weyler \$2,000,000. It is officially asserted, to be applied to military expenses.

Another body of 1,200 Spanish soldiers, sick or otherwise incapacitated, will return to Spain. As against these 200 arrived today.

A Spanish column, while reconnoitering near Cagamat, captured an insurgent camp and secured 250 pounds of dynamite. At Botino, province of Matanzas, during an engagement between another body of troops and the insurgents, the insurgent leader, Martinez, was killed and eight other insurgents were captured.

The Spanish forces surprised a band of insurgents at Arroyo Manso, in the province of Pinar del Rio, and killed their leader, Serafin Garcia and thirty men.

THE TEMPLE CUP

First Game of the Series—A Hard Contest Between the Champions and the Ex-Champions—Boston Wins by One Run

Boston, October 4.—The new champions took the first game for the Temple cup today, defeating the Baltimores in a close contest, more through a combination of lucky hits and daring base running, assisted by darkness in the last two innings, than by any great superiority of play. Neither team showed championship form, while the work of the home team was at times very much below the mark. The Orioles batted Nichols out of the box, and would have given Lewis a similar dose if they could have seen the ball in the last two innings. As it was, the game ended in the moonlight, the umpires keeping the players at it until some time after sundown.

The weather was perfect, a mild Indian summer day, with no wind and a clear atmosphere that was conducive of snappy playing. One of the biggest crowds of the year turned out and, with the assistance of the famous "rooters" and two bands, the enthusiasm when the home team took the lead in the sixth inning was almost unparalleled. Only two bases were allowed on hits into the crowd at left field, and this also militated against the visitors.

Jennings was easily the star of the game, his batting being terrific, while his great work at short was much more than that of his rival, Long. For the home team, Captain Duffy led his men in hitting and base running.

Baltimore started the game like winners, pounding Nichols hard and before the home team realized it four runs had come over the plate. Boston, however, was equal to the occasion and hit Nops just as hard and scored three runs. Baltimore added one in the third through fire batting by Kelly and Reitz. Long bunted well in the fourth and scored on Bergen's single and out. Both teams scored two runs in the fifth, the visitors through hard raps by Jennings, Kelly, Stahl, Bergen, and Long's poor throw and the home team by two errors and some daring base running. Then the visitors started in to clinch the game. McGraw, Jennings, Kelly and Doyle all hit safe and hard, and but for fine work on Long's part more than three men would have scored. The home players were not dismayed and encouraged by the rooters, they pounded Nops all over the field and by taking desperate chances scored five runs, taking the lead for the first time in the game. The visitors forced ahead in the seventh, when Lewis, who had taken Nichols' place, being hit hard. Boston had a fine chance to score in their half, but could not quite connect. Then came a homer for the game to be called, but although the sun was out of sight the play went on. Nichols saved the game in the eighth by two marvelous catches and the home team went in to win. It did not take long for the two necessary runs to come over the plate, and again the home team was ahead. The last inning was begun in the rapidly fading twilight, and while the Baltimores tried hard to see the ball, and did succeed in making a couple of hits the strain was too much, and after two had struck out Long threw the last man out at first. The score:

Boston..... 30012502..... R. H. E.
Baltimore..... 4101023200-12 20 4

Earned runs—Boston 4, Baltimore 11. Two-base hits—Long, Long, Jennings 2, Kelly 2, Reitz. Stolen bases—Hamilton, Stahl, Bergen. First base on balls—By Nops 7. Struck out—By Nops 2; by Nichols 3; by Lewis 1. Passed balls—Bergen. Wild pitches—Nops. Time—2:12. Attendance 10,000. Umpires—Emslie and Hurst.

A Fatal Prairie Fire

Miller, S. D., October 4.—Persons just in from twenty miles north state that as a result of a big prairie fire, one man has died, three others may die and seven or eight were badly burned, one family of five named Preston all being in a dangerous condition. Hundreds of tons of hay and grain were destroyed.

Blood Poison.

Contagious Blood Poison has been appropriately called the curse of mankind. It is the one disease that physicians cannot cure; their mercurial and potash remedies only bottle up the poison in the system, to surely break forth in a more virulent form, resulting in a total wreck of the system.

Mr. Frank B. Martin, a prominent jeweler at 926 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C., says: "I was for a long time under treatment of two of the best physicians of this city, for a severe case of blood poison, but my condition grew worse all the while, notwithstanding the fact that they charged me three hundred dollars. My mouth was filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eighteen bottles, I was cured sound and well, my skin was without a blemish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. saved me from a life of misery. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Books on the disease and its treatment, mailed free by Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga."

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Postmaster Loftin Not to Resign

Washington, October 4.—Postmaster Loftin, of Hogsansville, Ga., did not put in an appearance here today. So far as the Washington authorities are advised he has no intention of resigning, although an inducement in the form of another good position in the government service is offered him. A suggestion that he be given another place was made by his wife, who is also assistant postmaster, in a letter to the postoffice department. In this letter she referred to the imminent danger of renewal of violence and expressed fear for both her husband and herself. She had begged her husband to resign, but he had denied saying he preferred to remain and fight it out. Despite his attitude she urged that some other provision be made for him, for his own safety.

Loftin has not communicated with the department for some time and no official proposition for a transfer has been made to him.

Congratulations to Sagasta

Havana, October 5.—Captain General Weyler, on learning of the proposal to organize a public demonstration in his honor, has especially prohibited any undertaking of the kind. Today 116 of the most prominent and wealthy merchants and importers joined in a cable message to the head of affairs in Cuba. Weyler at the head of affairs in Cuba. The dispatch said: "The government has the confidence of all the Spaniards in the island who firmly believe that the plans of Captain General Weyler, the exceptional conditions of the case, will soon terminate the war and affect pacification."

THE EFFECT ON CUBA

Of the Change of the Spanish Ministry. Americans and Many Cubans to be Liberated—Full Autonomy to be Granted Cuba

Washington, October 4.—One result of the formation of a Sagasta cabinet in Spain, it is believed, will be the granting of amnesty to most, if not all, of the American prisoners held in Cuba, and the pardon of many Cubans condemned to imprisonment on the island of Cuetia. Pending the completion of the Sagasta cabinet, there has been no official intimation that such action would be taken, but it is said to be a natural and necessary part of the new Spanish policy, involving the withdrawal of General Weyler and the adoption of more conciliatory plans. The Competitor prisoners, it is expected, will be released early, and Miss Caceres also.

Concerning pending claims, such as that in the case of Dr. Ruiz, it is said that a commission probably will be proposed to deal with all claims arising during the rebellion, and there are intimations that steps toward the creation of such a commission are now under way.

Although there is continued reticence at the state department concerning Spanish-Cuban affairs, it is understood that the government has been informed that Spain will offer autonomy to Cuba similar to that enjoyed by Canada, and in administration circles the prevalent opinion seems to be that, if a full measure of autonomy is offered, it should be accepted by the Cubans.

The incoming of the Sagasta cabinet is welcomed by the administration, which several weeks ago was apprehensive of a possible early disturbance of our friendly relations with Spain. The statement attributed to the new premier that he would favor the largest measure of autonomy has directed attention to the past efforts toward autonomy. Those offered by the conservative cabinet and made known to the United States through the Spanish minister contemplated a council of administration, elected in part by the Cubans, which was to have an advisory power in shaping the affairs of the island. This plan has taken the form of a lengthy decree, which has been already gazetted, although it has never been put into effect in Cuba, owing to the disturbed conditions. The objection found to this plan was that, while it was in name autonomy, it did not give real power to the Cubans, as the Cuban council was not to be a legislative body with final powers of making laws, but merely an advisory council. In contrast with this, it is said that the liberal plan of autonomy, as desired by the autonomist party of Cuba, contemplates a colonial parliament or one with final powers of law making, and the usual power of veto reserved in all forms of constitutional government. This would be on the line of the rule operating in Australia and Canada, and the latter countries were cited as examples of complete autonomy by the Spanish statesman, Castelar, when autonomy was first suggested for the island. Such a measure of autonomy, it was said, would command much support in Cuba among the substantial element there, including the autonomist party. In this connection it is understood that the chosen president of the insurgents, Mendez Capote, is a man of conservative tendencies, and during a visit to Washington some months ago is said to have expressed a strong desire to close of hostilities on some fair basis of compromise.

John Griffin, of Zanesville, O., says: "I never lived a day for thirty years without suffering agony, until a box of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cured my piles." For piles and rectal troubles, cuts, bruises, sprains, eczema and all skin troubles We Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. R. R. Bellamy.

Chicago's Elevated Roads

This is now pre-eminently the city of rapid transit, for the electric trolley lines and the elevated railways have invaded the very heart of the city, and there seem to be cable or electric lines on nearly every street in the business centre. The elevated railways form very extensive systems, which will soon be connected by the new loop line, interesting to study, in view of the actual operation of which will be very complicated arrangement of junctions and switches.

In regard to the elevated railways, it must be admitted that the Metropolitan Line, crossing the streets, which have curved connections (for appearance mainly) between the riders and columns and a slightly decorated outline, have a much more pleasing and graceful appearance than the plain, straight, girder structures rearing squarely on the columns which are to be seen on most lines. It has been objected that there is too much "decorated construction" on this particular line, but it is not obtrusive, and certainly produces a far better looking structure.

The iron work is all painted a smoky gray color, which is unobtrusive and does not show the soot and dirt which Chicago's atmosphere deposits upon it.—Engineering News.

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